

# Equality Impact Report

<b>Title of proposal</b>	Chichester – North Street , East Street and Crane Street (Pedestrian Precinct) Proposed Traffic Regulation Order
<b>Date of implementation</b>	August 2018
<b>EIR completed by:</b>	<b>Name:</b> Neil Smith <b>Tel:</b> 033022 25579

## 1. Decide whether this report is needed and, if so, describe how you have assessed the impact of the proposal.

The proposal is a community led initiative, developed through the South Chichester County Local Committee (CLC).

In assessing the impact of the proposal, representations to the CLC and local members have been considered to establish a community need. The specific proposals deals with issues raised by Chichester City Council which made an application for a community led Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to extend the existing Prohibition of Cycling TRO to include Sundays. This was proposed to address issues of potential conflict between pedestrian a cyclists arising from an increased use of the precinct following historic relaxation of the Sunday Trading laws.

Through the formal consultation process and public advertisement the proposal has been aired in the local community. 51 letters of objection, some of which refer to the Equality Act, have been received, which help inform the EIR

## 2. Describe any negative impact for customers or residents.

The proposal is a relatively minor variation to the existing Prohibition of Cycling, affecting those cyclists wanting to cycle through the precinct on Sundays. For those with protected characteristics under the Equality Act, those cyclists with a disability and or significant age , it could be considered that the proposal would have a negative impact.

## 3. Describe any positive effects which may offset any negative impact.

Road safety within the precinct is of concern to the local community and the proposals will reduce potential conflict between cyclists and pedestrians including those with protected characteristics under the Equality Act.

The primary purpose of the pedestrian precinct is to provide a commodious environment in which people can shop and use the City Centre facilities, which will include people with protected characteristics under the Equality Act. The proposal is designed to improve the shopping environment for all pedestrian, including those with protected characteristics, on Sundays between 9:30 and 17:30.

There is special provision made for all cyclists to access the pedestrian precinct and cycle racks to secure cycles whilst shopping or using other City Centre facilities

There are reasonable alternative routes for cyclists including those with protected characteristics to avoid the City Centre on comparatively low trafficked roads and within the 20mph Zone.

**4. Describe whether and how the proposal helps to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation.**

The proposal does not significantly help to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation.

**5. Describe whether and how the proposal helps to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.**

The proposal does not directly help advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

**6. Describe whether and how the proposal helps to foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.**

The proposal has the potential to foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristics and those who do not, insofar as those with protected characteristics using the precinct as pedestrians will be less concerned about potential conflict with cyclists, many of which will not have protected characteristics under the Equality Act

**7. What changes were made to the proposal as a result? If none, explain why.**

No changes were made to the proposals as a result of the EiR.

The analysis showed that the proposal is a community led initiative designed to alleviate community concern about potential conflict with cyclists and promoting a pedestrian centred agenda. Whilst some members of the public with a protected characteristics, namely disability and age, as cyclists might be affected by the proposal they will be able to make use of the reasonable alternative routes for other modes transport to avoid the City Centre where the prohibition of cycling is in operation.

Having considered the proposal in relation to those with protected characteristics, it is considered that the benefits to the wider community outweigh the disbenefits to those with protected characteristics.

**8. Explain how the impact will be monitored to make sure it continues to meet the equality duty owed to customers and say who will be responsible for this.**

The true effect of the proposal will only be known once it is implemented. It will be monitored by feedback from customers and Chichester City Council which promoted the scheme.

**To be signed by a Director or Head of Service to confirm that they have read and approved the content.**

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